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Crl.O.P.No.22114 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.22114 of 2025

S. Sridhar

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State rep. by,
The Station House Officer,
Dhanvantri Police Station,
Puducherry.
(Crime No.156 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to grant bail to the petitioner/accused in the event of arrest by the respondent in Crime No.156 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. S.Ashok Kumar, Senior Advocate
for Mr. K. Gandhi Kumar

For Respondent(s) : Mr. K.S. Mohandass
Public Prosecutor (Puducherry)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 132, 189(2), 190, 296(b) and 351(2) of BNS in Crime No.156 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner herein joining hands with other accused entered into the office of the defacto complainant, who is the Assistant of the Excise Department and abused the Deputy Commissioner of Excise and Revenue Officer using inappropriate words and restrain the public servant from discharging their official duties; that further formed unlawful assembly and threatened the officials with dire consequences. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; that since the petitioner had earlier lodged a complaint against certain Police Officials for the professional misconduct done by them, a false criminal case has been lodged against this petitioner in order to harass him. He further submitted

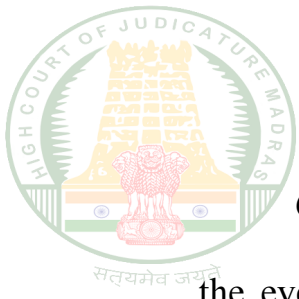


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that the petitioner along with others went to address about the violation caused by the wine shop in the cities to the Deputy Commissioner of Excise, a false complaint has been given with criminal colour. He also submitted that the co-accused were granted bail and anticipatory bail by the lower Court; and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court, hence sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Public Prosecutor (Puducherry) appearing for the respondent police while opposing the anticipatory bail to the petitioner reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that video proof of the entire event and disturbances caused to the official of the Excise department by the petitioner and others is available; and that the investigation is pending.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of this case, nature of allegation and taking note of the fact that the co-accused were granted anticipatory bail by the lower Court, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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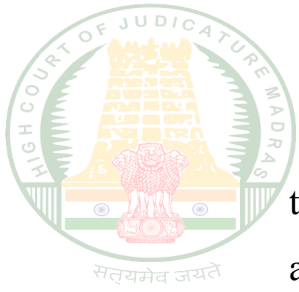
6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Puducherry** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** with **two sureties each** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] **if the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;**

[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] **the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;**

[d] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions,



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the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala** [(2005)13 SCC 283];

[e] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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